Special purpose organisation

3371. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to create special purpose organisation like DMRC to address the complicated issue of road congestion, providing people an option of living in the satellite townships and commuting to work comfortably by suburban rail services, Metro rail network and well co-ordinated feeder road links;

(b) if so, whether any progress has been made in this direction and by when the proposed 'Special purpose-Organisations' fully professionally manned, would start functioning; and

(c) whether it would ensure that the existing Railway/Metro/Roads infrastructure would be put to optimum use to keep the operating cost at the minimum?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) while there is no proposal to create the said special purpose organisation, efforts continue to address different aspects of planning, improving and strengthening relevant infrastructure and capacities in this regard. Efforts also continue to use the existing infrastructure more effectively.

Improvement of transport facilities in NCT of Delhi

†3372. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMl: Will the Minister URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government's plan to improve the transport facilities in the National Capita! Territory of Delhi in view of the Commonwealth Games;

(b) whether the metro rail service in the Capital territory would be expanded to the entire city area by 2007,if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expenditure incurred so far for expansion of Metro Rail Service in the city area of Delhi and the expenditure likely to be incurred till its completion?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) has prepared as 'Action Plan' to provide suitable transportation facilities. The Action Plan includes the following:—

(1) Operationalisation of Phase-I & Phase-ll of the Delhi MRTS Project comprising 9 corridors totalling 118.07 Kms.

(2) Operationalisation of Integrated Rail cum Bus Transit System comprising three corridors totalling 62.81 Kms.

(3) introduction of appropriate Mass Rapid Transit System on select routes.

(4) Construction of Inter State Bus Terminals (ISBTs) at Dwarka and Narela, reconstruction of the ISBT-Sarai Kale Khan on modern lines and upgradation of the services at the existing ISBTs to international level.

(5) Provision of Shuttle Services and 'Park and Ride Services'.

(6) Provision of Radio Taxies.

(7) Development of parking facilities to prevent traffic congestion particularly at stadiums.

(b) Only three corridors totalling 65.05 Kms of Delhi Metro Phase-I would be operational by 2007. These three corridors are:—

(i) Shahdara-Rithala—22.06 Kms.

(ii) Vishwa Vidyalaya-Central Secretariat—10.84 Km.

(iii) Indraprastha-Dwarka Sub-city—32.15 Kms.

(c) Expenditure incurred on Delhi Metro Phase-I project upto 31.3.2005 is Rs.8208 crore. The total cost of Phase-I of the project is estimated as Rs. 10571 crore.

Infrastructure Development in Mega Cities

3373. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a scheme for Infrastructure Development in the Mega Cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;